

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE STAFFORD COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD HELD NOVEMBER 15, 2005, 5:00 P.M., AT THE ALVIN YORK BANDY ADMINISTRATIVE COMPLEX. THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS WERE PRESENT: EDWARD SULLIVAN, PATRICIA HEALY, KAREN ZINK, ROBERT HUNT, DANA REINBOLDT, VICE- CHAIR, AND JEAN S. MURRAY, SUPERINTENDENT. ROBERT BELMAN WAS ABSENT; TOM VILLACRES, CHAIRMAN, ARRIVED LATER.

The Vice- Chair called the meeting to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance, followed by an invocation.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION MADE BY MR. SULLIVAN AND SECONDED BY MR. HUNT THAT THE SCHOOL BOARD APPROVE THE AGENDA AS AMENDED. VOTING IN FAVOR OF THE MOTION WERE MR. SULLIVAN, MS. HEALY, MS. ZINK, MR. HUNT, AND MS. REINBOLDT. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

CONSENT AGENDA

MOTION MADE BY MR. SULLIVAN AND SECONDED BY MS. ZINK THAT THE SCHOOL BOARD APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA, AS REVISED. VOTING IN FAVOR OF THE MOTION WERE MR. SULLIVAN, MS. HEALY, MS. ZINK, MR. HUNT, AND MS. REINBOLDT. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

The Consent Agenda items were as follows:

- A. Minutes of the October 25, 2005 Meeting and November 2, 2005 Meeting
- B. Personnel - Resignations and Appointments
- C. Appointment of Advisory Committee Membership
- D. Unusual Field Trip Request
- E. Religious Exemption Request
- F. Removed

Item 3F Removed: Exception to School Board Policy 7-14: Foreign Exchange Students

INFORMATION ITEMS

Mr. Villacres arrived.

2006 Priority Legislative Positions

The School Board discussed the 2006 Priority Legislative Positions for Stafford County Public Schools. Legislative Dinner with Delegate Howell is scheduled for November 28 at 6:30 pm. Action will be requested.

Any changes should be submitted to Dr. Murray prior to the December 13, 2005 School Board Meeting.

Commonwealth Governor's School Calendar 2006-07

Mr. Sullivan opened discussion on recommendations submitted for adjustments to the instructional calendar for the Commonwealth Governor's School. The Board agreed to not make any changes to the Stafford County Public Schools' instructional calendar.

Full Time Equivalent (F.T.E.) Personnel Additions

The School Board received information on personnel requirements for paraprofessional and teacher positions. The Board requested an explanation and list of detail for all positions and school location to determine where overcrowding is occurring. Additionally, Ms. Healy requested a report on the increase in ESL enrollments this school year as compared to the 2004-2005 school year. Action will be requested.

Compensation Study

The School Board received information on a compensation study which will be conducted by Palmer & Cay Consulting Group upon approval by the School Board. The study will be completed by the end of the 2005-2006 school year. There will be an opportunity for employee participation in the form of general meetings and focus groups to include teachers, administration and support services. Results will be applied to FY2008 budget. Action will be requested.

Stadium Field Upgrade

The School Board received information on the proposed upgrades to the stadium field at North Stafford High School. Mr. Horan advised that approval is necessary for Spring 'Borrow' instead of Fall 'Borrow'. Ms. Healy would like to see a report on the alternatives to shutting down the field to Spring sports and the costs associated with doing so. Action will be requested.

Proposed 2006-2008 Middle School Attendance Zones

The School Board received information on the proposed Middle School redistricting recommendations for 2006 and the suggested attendance zones for 2007-2008, as provided to the Superintendent by the Middle School Redistricting Committee. The Board requested that changes be made to the public announcement for the December 1, 2005, and the December 6 & 8, 2005 public hearings to include distribution to elementary schools.

2005-2006 Accreditation & AYP Chart Summary

The School Board received information summarizing 2005-2006 Accreditation and AYP ratings.

SOL Remediation Recovery Update

The School Board received information on the revised SOL Remediation Recovery Guidelines approved by Virginia Board of Education.

Centralized Reprographics Procurement

The School Board received information on the committee work for the centralization of reprographics. Action will be requested.

CLOSED SESSION

Motion: Mr. Hunt

Second: Mr. Sullivan

Pursuant to Section 2.2-3711 (a) of the Code of Virginia, I move that the Board convene a closed meeting for the purpose of discussing the following specific matter(s) in agenda items 11A and 11B:

To discuss student matters, as authorized by Section 2.2-3711 (a) (2) of the Code of Virginia.

Voting in favor of the motion were Mr. Sullivan, Ms. Healy, Ms. Zink, Mr. Hunt, Ms. Reinboldt and Mr. Villacres. Motion carried unanimously.

7:00 p.m.

The Chairman reconvened the meeting, and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Certification of Closed Meeting

Whereas, the Stafford County School Board has convened a closed meeting on this date pursuant to an affirmative recorded vote and in accordance with the provisions of the Virginia Freedom of Information Act; and

Whereas, Section 2.2-3711 of the Code of Virginia requires certification by this School Board that such closed meeting was conducted in conformity with Virginia law:

Now, therefore, be it resolved, that the Stafford County School Board hereby certifies that, to the best of each member's knowledge, (i) only public business matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements by Virginia law were discussed in the closed meeting to which this certification applies, and (ii) only such public business matters as were identified in the motion convening the closed meeting were heard, discussed or considered.

Motion: Mr. Hunt

Second: Ms. Zink

VOTING IN FAVOR OF THE MOTION WERE MR. SULLIVAN, MS. HEALY, MS. ZINK, MR. HUNT, MS. REINBOLDT AND MR. VILLACRES. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

PUBLIC BUDGET HEARING:
CITIZENS' BUDGET INPUT TO SUPERINTENDENT'S FUNDING REQUEST

The following citizens addressed the School Board:

Ms. Mary Ellen Cole
Ms. Karen Clore
Dr. James Stemple
Ms. Teresa Padgett
Mr. Patrick Garland

Ms. Lisa Reddy
Ms. Kim Gilby
Ms. Linda Powell
Mr. Max Sutton

SPECIAL PRESENTATION- Helping Hands ...Healing Hearts

SPECIAL PRESENTATION- Safe Driver Task Force Update

SPECIAL PRESENTATION- North Stafford High School Veteran's Day Presentation

Citizen's Comments (None)

REPORT OF THE SCHOOL BOARD

Student Matters

MOTION MADE BY MS. ZINK AND SECONDED BY MS. HEALY THAT THE SCHOOL BOARD APPROVE THE STUDENT TRANSFER APPEAL OF STUDENT 'A'. VOTING IN FAVOR OF THE MOTION WERE MR. SULLIVAN,

**MS. HEALY, MS. ZINK, MR. HUNT, MS. REINBOLDT AND MR. VILLACRES.
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Student Matters- Discipline Committee

In a Closed Session on November 10, 2005, a committee of the Board met to consider student disciplinary matters. In action taken, the committee:

- Expelled Student "A" from Stafford County Public Schools and authorized the student to apply to attend the Middle School Alternative Education Program.
- Expelled Student "B" from Stafford County Public Schools and authorized the student to apply to attend the Middle School Alternative Education Program.
- Expelled Student "C" from Stafford County Public Schools and authorized the student to apply to attend the Regional Alternative Education Program.
- Expelled Student "D" from Stafford County Public Schools and authorized the student to apply to attend the Regional Alternative Education Program.
- Expelled Student "E" from Stafford County Public Schools and authorized the student to apply to attend such alternative program determined to be appropriate.
- Upheld the decision of the administration to suspend Student "F" from Stafford County Public Schools for the remainder of the 2005-2006 school year and authorized the student to apply to attend the Regional Alternative Education Program.
- Expelled Student "G" from Stafford County Public Schools and authorized the student to apply to attend the Regional Alternative Education Program.
- Suspended Student "H" from Stafford County Public Schools for the remainder of the first semester of the 2005-2006 school year, authorized the student to participate in an alternative education program, and to return to his base school second semester on strict probation.

Committee Reports

Ms. Healy reported that she and Mr. Belman will be meeting with staff on the dissemination of public information in early December 2005.

Comments

Mr. Sullivan attended the National School Board Association Technology Conference as representative of the School Board, and additionally delivered a presentation on the Commonwealth Governor's School at the conference.

Ms. Healy, along with Mr. Villacres attended the North Stafford High School Veteran's Day Program. Ms. Healy commented that it was a good example of what students do in school on Veteran's Day.

Ms. Reinboldt attended PTO meeting at Kate Waller Barrett Elementary School, where Kim Austin was presented with flowers honoring her Teacher of the Year recognition.

Mr. Villacres also attended the Veteran's Day program at Hampton Oaks Elementary School.

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

Comments

Dr. Murray commented that she is very proud to be a member of Stafford County Public Schools. She announced the appointment of Ms. Cheryl O'Conner as Program Evaluation Analyst, and Mr. Wayne Carruthers as Assistant Superintendent of Finance. Dr. Murray reported that the Stafford County Public Schools' fuel prices were holding steady at \$1.93/ gallon for diesel and \$1.70/ gallon for regular. She reported that the Stafford High School Girls' Field Hockey Team are the State Champions, and the Colonial Forge and North Stafford High School cheerleaders are in the semi-final competition. Additionally, she announced the appointment of Ruth Finch as the new reporter for Stafford County Public Schools at the Free Lance Star, and thanked Melissa Nix for her work as the previous reporter for Stafford County Public Schools. Dr. Murray announced the 'Swearing In' for the new School Board members is scheduled for December 5 at 7 pm in the Stafford County Board of Supervisors' Chambers.

ACTION ITEMS

Winter Retreat Dates

MOTION MADE BY MS. REINBOLDT AND SECONDED BY MR. SULLIVAN THAT THE SCHOOL BOARD APPROVE FEBRUARY 3 & 4, 2006 AS THE DATES FOR THE WINTER RETREAT. VOTING IN FAVOR OF THE MOTION WERE MR. SULLIVAN, MS. HEALY, MS. ZINK, MR. HUNT, MS. REINBOLDT AND MR. VILLACRES. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Block Schedule Evaluation Plan

The School Board received information on the Block Schedule Evaluation Plan. Action requested for the December 13, 2005 meeting.

2005-2006 Goals & Objectives

MOTION MADE BY MS. REINBOLDT AND SECONDED BY MR. SULLIVAN THAT THE SCHOOL BOARD APPROVE STAFFORD COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS' 2005-2006 GOALS & OBJECTIVES AS AMENDED. VOTING IN FAVOR OF THE MOTION WERE MR. SULLIVAN, MS. HEALY, MS. ZINK, MR. HUNT, MS. REINBOLDT AND MR. VILLACRES. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

FY2005 Year End Financial Review

MOTION MADE BY MR. HUNT AND SECONDED BY MS. REINBOLDT THAT THE SCHOOL BOARD APPROVE THE PURCHASE ASAP FOR A.G. WRIGHT MIDDLE SCHOOL OF APPROXIMATELY 400 DOUBLE LOCKERS AT APPROXIMATELY \$208.70 EACH; ALSO INCLUDING \$9.42 EACH FOR MASTER LOCKS. THE FUNDING IS TO COME OUT OF THE EXISTING CONTINGENCY ACCOUNT UNTIL IT IS LATER DETERMINED HOW TO REPAY IT. VOTING IN FAVOR OF THE MOTION WERE MR. SULLIVAN, MS. HEALY, MS. ZINK, MR. HUNT, MS. REINBOLDT, AND MR. VILLACRES. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

A/E Design Services: ES2008

MOTION MADE BY MS. REINBOLDT AND SECONDED BY MR. SULLIVAN THAT THE SCHOOL BOARD SELECT AND APPROVE THE MOSELY ONE-STORY PROTOTYPE TO BE USED FOR ES2008. VOTING IN FAVOR OF THE MOTION WERE MR. SULLIVAN, MS. HEALY, MS. ZINK, MS. REINBOLDT, AND MR. VILLACRES. VOTING IN OPPOSITION WAS MR. HUNT. MOTION CARRIES BY A VOTE OF 5-1.

Adjournment

The Chairman adjourned the meeting.